



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

August 12, 2014

Dear Elected Official,

Governor Malloy is pleased to announce to all eligible Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) municipalities that the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is now accepting applications for funding under this program for fiscal year 2015. We made a great deal of progress over the past three and a half years, but there is more work to be done. Our historic small towns are what make Connecticut *Still Revolutionary* and preserving their historical integrity and beauty is vital to our economy and quality of life. As we continue to recover from hard economic times and begin to prepare our towns for another New England winter, preference this year will be given to projects that promote economic development, emergency preparedness and/or infrastructure repair.

Priority will be given to proposed projects which: generate economic development; create or retain jobs; improve quality of life for residents; can begin in the immediate future; and have secured necessary additional funds for the project. **Please note: only capital projects will be considered.** For more information on what is considered a capital project please refer to the introductory text on the application or visit the OPM STEAP webpage at <http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?Q=382970>.

The required STEAP application can be found on the OPM STEAP webpage under the "2015 STEAP Application" link. Please review it carefully as it has been revised. Applications may be submitted anytime between now and November 28, 2014 for consideration this fiscal year. Applications must be submitted electronically at [opm.steapapplications@ct.gov](mailto:opm.steapapplications@ct.gov). Decisions on awards will be announced on or before January 30, 2015. While towns are encouraged to only submit priority projects, if multiple projects are submitted, an application must be completed for each project. Please be sure to list the projects in order of priority in the space provided on the application.

FY 2015 STEAP will operate on a rolling basis with periodic announcements occurring up to the January 30, 2015 deadline. Due to the high volume of applications and limited amount of available funding, towns are encouraged to apply early. Upon receipt, OPM will review the applications with the appropriate state agencies to determine proposed project eligibility and readiness and consistency with the State Plan of Conservation and Development.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions, please contact Meagan Occhiogrosso of my staff at (860) 418-6381.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Benjamin Barnes".

Benjamin Barnes  
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